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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Applications of : David C. Ward et al.
Filed : December 8, 1987
For : MODIFIED NUCLEOTIDES AND METHODS OF
PREPARING AND USING SAME

New York, New York

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the first Office Action in the above-identified application, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the Claims as follows:

104. (amended) [A] The method of [detecting a compound in accordance with] claim 125 [47 which] wherein said contacting further comprises) contacting said [compound] sample with a polypeptide capable of forming a complex [therewith under suitable conditions so as to form said complex, said polypeptide] with A and including a moiety which can be detected when said complex [of said compound and said polypeptide] is formed, [and detecting said complex using an appropriate detection technique].

105. (amended) [A] The method [in accordance with] of claim 104 wherein the moiety A of said compound comprises biotin and iminobiotin.

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